

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to more precisely recite the structure of the alignment grooves and tabs. Therefore, the claims even more clearly distinguish over the cited references.


As to claim 26, no regular pattern of surface profile features is defined in the surface of any tiles in the cited references to camouflage the appearance of gaps between adjacent tiles. For example, the profile features 50a and 60, in Figures 16 and 17, camouflage the gaps between tiles. No such structure is shown in any cited references.

Finally, claim 31 covers the mullions that fit over gaps. An embodiment of a mullion is shown in Figure 8. It includes a tab 38 that fits in the gap and an element 36 that covers the gap. The use of such mullions is not shown in the cited art.

Therefore, the application should now be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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